

Sport Fish Restoration Eligible Activities - WSFR

This information applies to:
Sport Fish Restoration Program

Definition

Project means one or more related undertakings in a project-by-project grant that are necessary to fulfill a need or needs, as defined by a State fish and wildlife agency, consistent with the purposes of the appropriate Act.

Sport fish means aquatic, gill-breathing, vertebrate animals with paired fins, having material value for recreation in the marine and fresh waters of the United States.

§ 50 CFR 80.51 Activities eligible for funding under the Sport Fish Restoration Act

Sport Fish Restoration program:

- Restore and manage sport fish for the benefit of the public.
- Conduct research on the problems of managing fish and their habitat and the problems of fish culture if necessary to administer sport fish resources efficiently.
- Obtain data to guide and direct the regulation of fishing. These data may be on:
 - Size and geographic range of sport fish populations;
 - Changes in sport fish populations due to fishing, other human activities, or natural causes; and
 - Effects of any measures or regulations applied.
- Develop and adopt plans to restock sport fish and forage fish in the natural areas or districts covered by the plans; and obtain data to develop, carry out, and test the effectiveness of the plans.
- Stock fish for recreational purposes.
- Acquire real property suitable or capable of being made suitable for:
 - Sport fish habitat or as a buffer to protect that habitat, or
 - Public access for sport fishing. Closures to sport fishing must be based on the recommendations of the State fish and wildlife agency for fish and wildlife management purposes.
- Restore, rehabilitate, improve, or manage:
 - Aquatic areas adaptable for sport fish habitat, or
 - Land adaptable as a buffer to protect sport fish habitat.
- Build structures or acquire equipment, goods, and services to:
 - Restore, rehabilitate, or improve aquatic habitat for sport fish, or land as a buffer to protect aquatic habitat for sport fish; or
 - Provide public access for sport fishing.
- Construct, renovate, operate, or maintain pumpout and dump stations. A pumpout station is a facility that pumps or receives sewage from a type III marine sanitation device that the U.S. Coast Guard requires on some vessels. A dump station, also referred to as a "waste reception facility," is specifically designed to receive waste from portable toilets on vessels.
- Operate or maintain:
 - Projects that the State fish and wildlife agency completed under the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act; or
 - Facilities that the agency acquired or constructed with funds other than those authorized by the Sport Fish Restoration Act if these facilities are necessary to carry out activities authorized by the Act.
- Coordinate grants in the Sport Fish Restoration program and related programs and subprograms.
 - Recreational Boating Access subprogram. [Recreational Boating Access Subprogram - Sport Fish Restoration](#)
 - Aquatic Resource Education subprogram. [Aquatic Resource Education](#)
 - Outreach and Communications subprogram. [Outreach And Communication - Wildlife Restoration and Sport Fish Restoration](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

May an activity be eligible for funding if it is not explicitly listed in the program rule 50 CFR 80?

An activity may be eligible for funding even if the program rule part does not explicitly designate it as an eligible activity if the State fish and wildlife agency justifies in the project statement how the activity will help carry out the purposes of the Sport Fish Restoration Act, and the Regional Director concurs with the justification. (50 CFR 80.52)

Are costs of State central services eligible for funding?

Administrative costs in the form of overhead or indirect costs for State central services outside of the State fish and wildlife agency are eligible for funding under the Acts and must follow an approved cost allocation plan. These expenses must not exceed 3 percent of the funds apportioned annually to the State under the Acts. (50 CFR 80.53)

What activities are ineligible for funding?

The following activities are ineligible for funding under the Acts, except when necessary to carry out project purposes approved by the Regional Director:

- Law enforcement activities.
 - Public relations activities to promote the State fish and wildlife agency, other State administrative units, or the State.
 - Activities conducted for the primary purpose of producing income.
 - Activities, projects, or programs that promote or encourage opposition to the regulated taking of fish, hunting, or the trapping of wildlife. (50 CFR 80.54)
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Learning Aids

Related Pages

[Sport Fish Restoration Program Apportionments - Sport Fish Restoration](#)

[Aquatic Resource Education](#)

[Aquatic Nuisance Species Inspection Stations Sport Fish Restoration Eligibility - WSFR](#)

Resources

References

Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777-777k, 64 Stat. 430)

50 CFR 80.51-54,